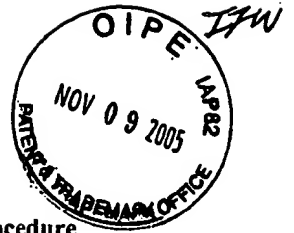


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- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
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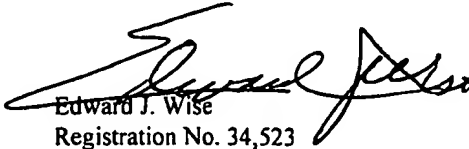
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Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
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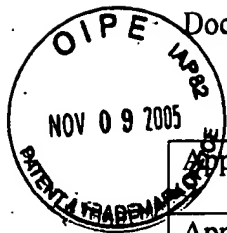
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The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Official Action mailed August 10, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.